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1. WE ARE REQUESTING AN EXCEPTION BE MADE IN THE CASE OF HILDEGARD PURVIN'S WORLD WAR II RECORDS; MEANWHILE, THESE ARE THE FACTS OF THE PURVIN CASE:

2. BORN HILDEGARD BURKHARDT IN 1919 IN WEIMAR, SHE JOINED HER FIRST NAZI GROUP IN 1933 AND BECAME A PARTY MEMBER IN 1937. RECORDS OF THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER INDICATE THAT SHE WAS PARTY MEMBER NO. 5508897.

3. HILDEGARD JOINED THE SD IN WEIMAR IN 1939 AFTER COMPLETING TRAINING IN THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE. SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO RSHA/BERLIN IN 1940 AND LATER WAS SENT TO ROME. IN BOTH ASSIGNMENTS, SHE WORKED AS AN INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR, AND IN ROME SHE BECAME AN AGENT OF AMT VI. DURING THIS PERIOD, SHE MARRIED SS MAJOR GERHARD BEETZ.

4. USING AS COVER A CONNECTION WHICH MAJOR BEETZ HAD WITH COUNT GIANNO MUSSOLINI'S SON-IN-LAW, THEN UNDER HOUSE ARREST NEAR MUNICH, THE SD MADE HILDEGARD AVAILABLE TO BE GIANNO'S SECRETARY. HER SD ASSIGNMENT WAS TO LEARN THE LOCATION OF GIANNO'S DIARIES FROM THE YEARS IN WHICH HE WAS FOREIGN MINISTER OF ITALY AND TO DELIVER THEM TO THE SD BEFORE HIS EXECUTION. SHE STAYED WITH GIANNO FOR NEARLY ONE YEAR AND WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PROCURING MANY OF HIS PAPERS FOR THE SD. DURING HER ROMAN PERIOD, HILDEGARD REPORTED DIRECTLY TO STURMBANNFUEHRER WILHELM HOETTL, AMT VI CHIEF IN ROME, AND WHILE WITH GIANNO SHE REPORTED TO HOETTL AND ALSO DIRECTLY TO KALTENBRUNNER.

5. DURING THE LAST MONTHS OF THE REICH, HILDEGARD REFUGED WITH ABTEILUNG VI TO AT LEAST TWO LOCATIONS IN GERMANY, FINALLY BEING SENT TO HER FAMILY HOME NEAR WEIMAR WITH MUCH OF THE GIANNO WORK STILL IN TRANSLATION. SHE WORKED AT HOME DURING THE DAY AND STORED THE PAPERS IN THE WEIMAR SS HEADQUARTERS EACH NIGHT. SHE ALSO KEPT ASIDE A NUMBER OF PIECES, INCLUDING HER OWN DIARY AND REPORTS TO SUPERIORS.

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WHICH AT THE TIME OF THE CAPITULATION WERE BURIED IN A METAL BOX IN HER MOTHER'S STRAWBERRY PATCH.

6. ON 18 JUNE 1945, CIC INTERROGATORS LEARNED OF HILDEGARD FROM HER FORMER CHIEF, HOETTL. THE NEXT DAY A SMALL CIC GROUP ARRESTED HER IN HER MOTHER'S HOME, RETRIEVED THE CACHE OF DOCUMENTS AND CONFISCATED THEM AS EVIDENCE.

7. HILDEGARD WAS TURNED OVER TO THE USFET INTERROGATION CENTER ON 20 JUNE 1945. INTERROGATIONS BASED ON HER DIARY AND ON THE CIANO PAPERS CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF ALLAN DULLES WHO, ON 18 JULY 1945, REQUESTED ALL DOCUMENTS "CAPTURED WITH FRAU BEETZ AND BROUGHT HERE ALONG WITH FRAU BEETZ BY SCI AGENT DENEUVILLE." A POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO THE DULLES REQUEST CAME IN A 10 AUGUST 1945 CABLE FROM BERLIN TO AMZON: "PERSONAL DIARIES OF FRAU BEETZ WERE GIVEN BY ME TO CURZON AT 12 GROUP INTERROGATION CENTER AT TIME OF HANDING OVER BODY." (THERE IS NO FURTHER MENTION OF THE DIARY AND IT IS NOT A PART OF THE REMAINING REPORTS AND PAPERS WHICH WERE CAPTURED WITH HILDEGARD.)

8. MEANWHILE, OSS OFFICERS DECIDED TO USE HER AS A DANGLE IN AN OPERATION AGAINST THE RUSSIANS IN BERLIN. THEY HAD NO PROBLEM IN ENLISTING HER COOPERATION: "SHE IS IN THE AUTOMATIC ARREST CATEGORY, AND HER HUSBAND IS IN OUR HANDS, SO THAT OUR CONTROL OF HER IS ASSURED." (THE HUSBAND HAD BEEN A LTCOL OF SS POSTED TO THE GENERAL STAFF AT THE TIME OF HIS CAPTURE BY THIRD ARMY WHICH OSS RELIEVED OF HIS CARE.)

9. HILDEGARD WAS ASSIGNED SECRETARIAL COVER IN BERLIN AND WAS PAPERED IN THE NAME HILDA BLUM. SHE USED THAT NAME FOR SEVERAL YEARS, DURING WHICH SHE DIVORCED BEETZ. TERMINATED AMICABLY IN 1951 WHEN SHE AND THIS AGENCY NO LONGER NEEDED ONE ANOTHER, SHE REMARRIED AND EMERGED AS HILDEGARD PURWIN, JOURNALIST.

10. IN 1961 [] RETURNED TO GERMANY AND INTRODUCED [] TO HILDEGARD, SUGGESTING THAT SHE COULD BE A USEFUL CONTACT. [] REQUESTED A POA BUT IT WAS DENIED ON GROUNDS OF ROTE KAPELLE CONNECTIONS. [] DROPPED THE CONTACT. (DURING HER INTERROGATION IN THE SUMMER OF 1945, HILDEGARD REPORTED HAVING LEARNED OF ROTE KAPELLE AND OF ITS ROLL-UP WHILE SHE WAS STATIONED WITH RSHA/BERLIN IN 1940. WE FIND NO EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD THAT SHE

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